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Invites Design and Production Proposals for the

# American Indian Monument and Montana Tribal Flag Circle

to be erected on the State Capitol grounds

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### History

In 1991 the 52nd Montana State Legislature passed House Bill 746 stating that "Montana shall erect on the grounds of the capitol complex a monument to American Indians and a Montana tribal flag circle in recognition of American Indians' contribution to this state and nation". American Indians are the "First Americans". They have given, and continue to offer, important benefits to American society and culture. The significance of this historic act of the 52nd Legislature has special meaning for American Indians, in Montana, and nationwide.

An American Indian Monument and Montana Tribal Flag Circle Advisory Committee was authorized by the legislature, and appointed by the Governor. It consists of a member from each reservation in the state and the Little Shell tribe, the Governor's Coordinator on Indian Affairs, the Department of Administration, the Montana Historical Society, and the Montana Arts Council. The purpose of this advisory committee is to "review the proposals submitted in the design competition" and "to select an appropriate design"; to "make recommendations to the department of administration for an appropriate site"; and to solicit and accept private contributions to finance the monument and flag circle on the grounds of the capitol complex".

"The Montana Arts Council shall advertise and conduct a competition among all Montanans for a design for the monument and flag circle". The State Coordinator of Indian Affairs shall coordinate and administer the project.

### Project and Site Description

This project involves the commission of a work of art that blends well with the chosen sites, and expresses, with potent symbolism, American Indian identity in a way that will last for generations.

The monument site is 205' x 130'. The whole of the site should be considered in the design. The ground slopes down hill, to the north. The flag circle site is at the base of the capitol steps. (See diagrams). You may make proposal for either, or both works. We encourage all serious applicants to visit the sites. We encourage proposals that balance design with the settings of the designated areas.

The American Indian Monument and Montana Tribal Flag Circle Advisory Committee has been charged by the state legislature to raise the money necessary for the creation of the monument and flag circle. It is the Committee's intention not to limit the artistic imagination to the confines of a predetermined budget, and will raise the money to support the winning design.

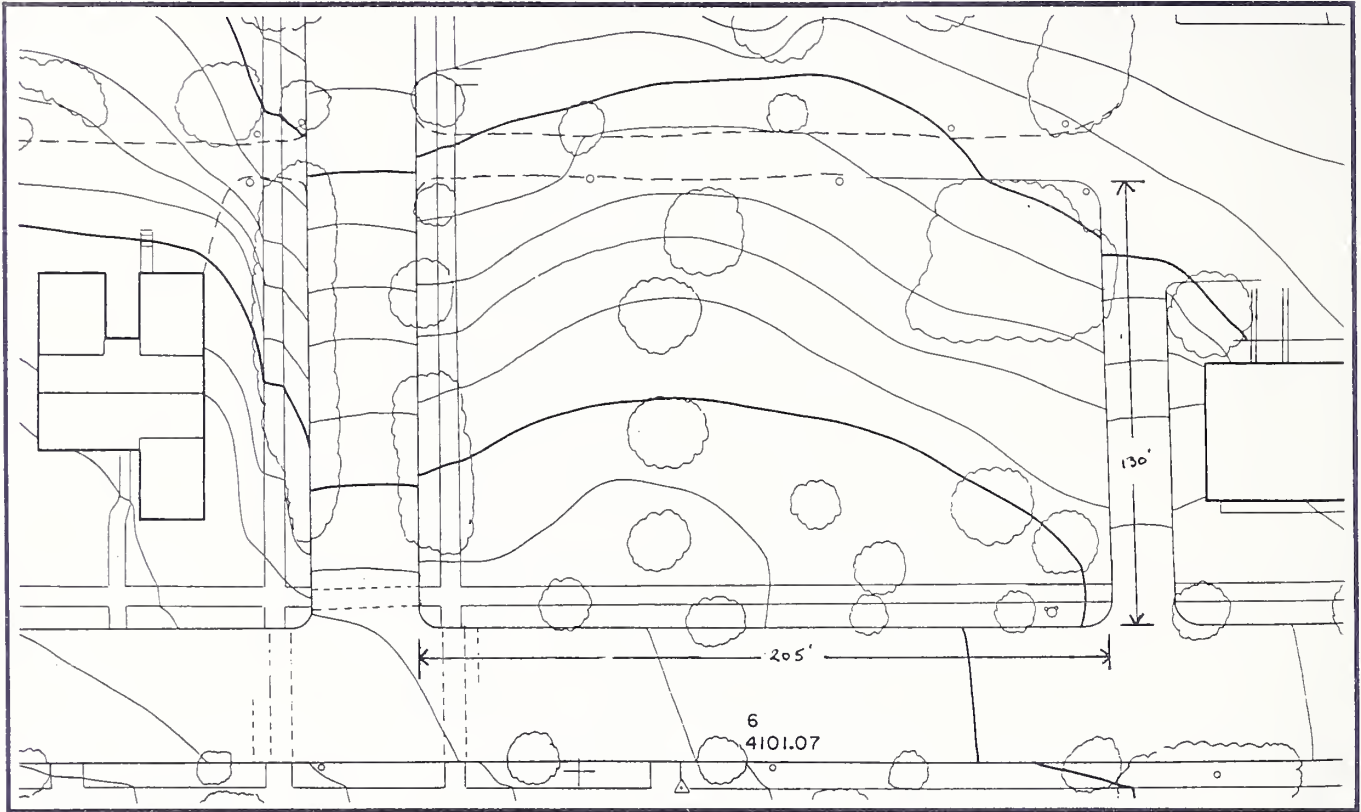
### Process

Design proposals are to be submitted to the Montana Arts Council. The Advisory Committee will review all proposals and decide upon the winning design. The Advisory Committee encourages proposals from Montana Indians. The design competition is open to all Montanans.

Submission of all materials must be received by the Montana Arts Council no later than March 1, 1993. Late submissions will not be accepted.

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Site Plan: Capitol Grounds, Helena, MT: corner of Sixth and Washington & Capitol steps



# American Indian Monument and Montana Tribal Flag Circle Application Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

For Montana Arts Council use only:

## Slide Identification

Complete this chart for identification of your slides. Be sure to write the number at left (1-10) on each slide.

Title	Medium	Size	Date Completed	Sales Price or Project Budget
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## Proposal budget

purchase price of work (labor and materials)	\$
insurance	\$
shipping	\$
travel	\$
installation	\$
photographic documentation	\$
miscellaneous	\$
other	\$
TOTAL	\$

**Proposal synopsis:** Give a brief, but complete, description of your proposal in the space provided. You may attach additional sheets outlining the specifics. (Copy this page & complete, if making proposal for both designs. Slides may remain the same.)



## PROPOSAL INFORMATION

The following would be helpful in the decision making:

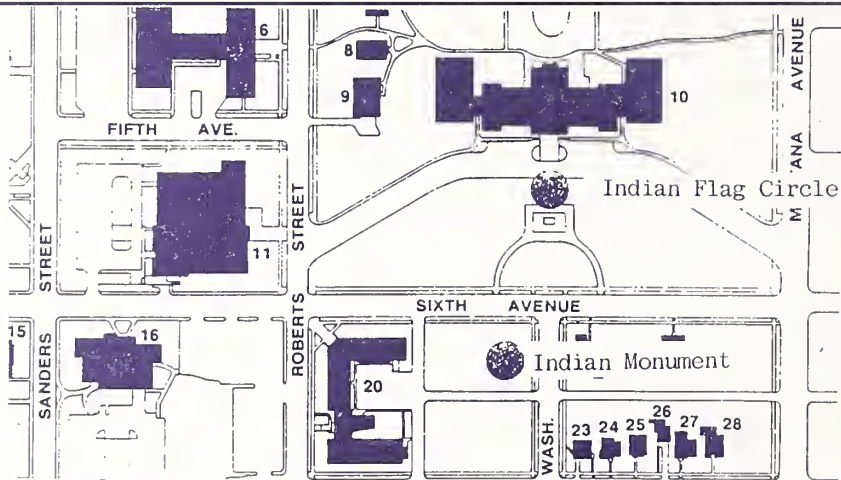
- 1) **current resume**
- 2) **10 slides of best work** completed during the last two years—some may be details (works need not be available for purchase); see instructions for slide labeling
- 3) **slide identification sheet** (top of form provided)
- 4) **proposal statement** (bottom of form provided)
- 5) **drawings or other renderings of proposed work(s)**; no more than three sheets—on 11" x 17" paper or board
- 6) **upto three pages (8.5" x 11") of additional descriptive and/or explanatory remarks for proposal**
- 7) **self-addressed, stamped envelope** for return of your drawings and other materials

## SLIDE LABELING

Slides and film should be of the highest quality and each piece of documentation must be clearly identified. Slides must be labeled with artist name and title of work and numbered to correspond with slide identification sheet. When holding the slide right side up with image in correct left-to-right orientation, place an "X" in the lower left corner.

#4	F. Eagle Heart
Subject	
X	"Sky Paint"

If you have questions about the project or need more information, contact Nicholas Vrooman at the Montana Arts Council (406) 444-6430.



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